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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Permanent Select Committee on  
Intelligence (HPSCI) Member Andy Ireland (R., FL)  
on Soviet Propaganda and Disinformation Programs

1. On 1 May 1985, Rep. Andy Ireland was briefed at his request on Soviet propaganda and disinformation efforts by Directorate of Intelligence (DI)/Office of Global Issues analysts [redacted], and by Directorate of Operations (DO) officers [redacted] HPSCI staff members Steven Berry and Diane Dornan also attended. The briefing was held in H-405 from 1015 - 1130. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1
2. [redacted] led off with a discussion of the various organizations in the Soviet government which engage in overt and covert propaganda campaigns. She then described major Soviet propaganda themes targeted against relations between the U.S. and its NATO allies, U.S.-Japanese relations, and pro-western Third-World policies. [redacted] illustrated her points with numerous foreign press items that are the product of Soviet disinformation efforts. She stated that Moscow invests millions of dollars in its propaganda programs which tend to be relatively successful, particularly in Third World countries. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
3. [redacted] commented on the wide range of Soviet propaganda themes and pointed out current priorities including the "peace" issue featuring Moscow's bid for bans on the militarization of outer space and on nuclear testing. He said Moscow also makes substantial use of the media and of conferences and seminars to influence national and international policies. Moscow's anti-INF campaign appears to be its most massive propaganda effort since World War II. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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5. Mr. Ireland expressed full satisfaction with the briefing and appeared interested in looking further at the samples of Soviet-planted press articles left with him.

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